too much cloyed with fat meat, our humble author will continue the story, with Sir John in it, and make you merry with fair Katharine of France [9]: where, for any thing I know, Falstaff shall die of a sweat, unless already he be killed with your hard opinions; for Oldcastle died a martyr, and this is not the man. My tongue is weary; when my [redacted] legs are too, I will bid you good night: and so kneel down before you;—but, indeed, to pray for the queen[x].

9 —and make you merry with fair KATHARINE of FRANCE :] I think this is a proof that the French scenes in King Henry V. however unworthy of our author, were really written by him. It Is evident from this passage that he had at this time formed the plan of that play: aiid how was [el] fair Katharine to make the audience merry," but by speaking broken English ? The conversation and courtship of a great princess, in the usual style of the drama, was not likely to afford any *merriment.* TYRWHITT.

i » - to pray for the queen.] 1 wonder no one has remarked, at the conclusion of the epilogue, that it was the custom of the old players, at the end of the performance, to pray for their patrons. Thus, at the end of New Custom :

" Preserve our noble Queen Elizabeth, and her councell all."

And in Locrine:

[e<] So let us pray for that renowned maid," &c.

And in Micldleton's Mad World my Masters:

""This shows like kneeling after the play; I praying for my lord Owemuch and his good countess, our honourable lady and mistress." FARMER.

Thus, at the end of Preston's Cambyses :

[u] As duty binds us, for our noble queene let us pray,
[*] And for her honourable councel, the truth that they may use,
" To practise justice, and defend her grace eche day:
" To maintaine God's word they may not refuse,"
" To correct all those that would her grace and grace's laws abuse:
" Beseeching God over us she may reign long,
** To be guided by trueth and defended from wrong.**
" Amen, q. Thomas Preston/'

So, at the end of All for Money, a morality, by

T. Lupton,
1578:
** Let us pray for the queen's majesty, our sovereign gover-
nour.
46 That she may raign quietly according to God's will," &c.